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SUBJECT: REACTION TO RELEASE OF LOWENSTEIN-MOOSE REPORT

1. AS COULD BE EXPECTED, THERE HAS BEEN CONSIDERABLE
LCCAL REACTION TO RELEASE OF LOWENSTEIN-MOOSE FINDINGS,
EVEN BEFORE TEXT AVAILABLE. WITH PUBLICATION OF FULL
TEXT BEGINNING TODAY IN ATHEN PRESS, WE ANTICIPATE
EVEN HEAVIER COVERAGE WITH CONTINUING COMMENT ON REPORT
FOR SOME TIME TO COME.

2. IN ADDITION TO PRESS REACTION, GREEK FOREIGN MINISTRY
HAS ALREADY MADE TWO STATEMENTS. AT HIS WEEKLY PRESS
CONFERENCE ON MARCH 6. UNDERSECRETARY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
PALAMAS STATED THAT REPORT "AN INTERNAL AFFAIR OF THE
UNITED STATES. WE DO NOT INTERFERE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF
OUR FRIENDS AND IT IS NATURAL FOR OUR FRIENDS NOT TO INTER-
FERE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF GREECE." COVERAGE OF
PALAMAS PRESS CONFERENCE INCLUDED ADDITIONAL STATEMENT, NOT
DIRECTLY ATTRIBUTED TO THE UNDERSECRETARY, THAT "ON THE
OTHER HAND ON THE BASIS OF THE CONSENSUS HERE THE WHOLE
MATTER LACKS SERIOUSNESS."

3. ON MARCH 9, AFTER PUBLICATION OF FIRST HALF OF
LOWENSTEIN-MOOSE REPORT IN MORNING PRESS, FOREIGN
OFFICE ISSUED ANOTHER STATEMENT, FULL TEXT OF WHICH WE HAVE
NOT YET RECEIVED.

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IN THEIR INTRODUCTORY LETTER TO FULBRIGHT THAT FOREIGN MINISTRY HAD TAKEN INITIATIVE IN ARRANGING APPOINTMENTS WITH PAPADOPOULOS AND ANGELIS. FOREIGN MINISTRY STATEMENT SAID THIS WAS NOT ACCURATE AND THAT AMERICAN EMBASSY TOOK THIS INITIATIVE. WE HAVE TOLD UPI CORRESPONDENT WHO HAS ALREADY INQUIRED THAT WE WOULD HAVE TO SEE EXACT TEXT OF FOREIGN MINISTRY STATEMENT, BUT IN ANY CASE WE VERY MUCH DOUBTED THAT WE WOULD HAVE ANY COMMENT.

4. ULTRA-CONSERVATIVE AND ECCENTRIC AFTERNOON DAILY ESTIA HAS RUN THREE EDITORIALS ATTACKING REPORT, LOWENSTEIN AND MOOSE, AND SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE ON BASIS OF PRELIMINARY WIRE SERVICE STORIES AND REPORTS OVER FOREIGN RADIO. ON MARCH 5, ESTIA QUESTIONED WHO RUNS UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT. WITH MINOR EMPLOYEES OF SENATE INVESTIGATING THEIR OWN GOVERNMENT'S REPRESENTATIVES IN GREECE, IT ASSERTED IT APPARENTLY WAS NOT PRESIDENT NIXON. ON MARCH 6, ESTIA SAID ATTACKS ON KISSINGER BY FULBRIGHT COMMITTEE UNDERScored QUESTION OF WHO GOVERNS UNITED STATES. ON MARCH 8, ESTIA RETURNED TO ATTACK ON "THAT FIFTH COLUMNIST" FULBRIGHT FOR SENDING INVESTIGATORS TO GREECE, AS IF HE INDULGING IN PRIVATE FEUD. ESTIA SAID STATEMENT BY PALAMAS SHOULD HAVE ENDED WITH FOLLOWING: "FROM NOW ON NO VISIT OF SUCH A TYPE WILL BE PERMITTED HERE."

5. NEA POLITIA, WHICH STRICTLY FOLLOWS GOVERNMENT LINE, CARRIED EDITORIALS ON MARCH 6 AND 7, GIST OF WHICH IS THAT WASHINGTON CERTAIN TO IGNORE FINDINGS OF LOWENSTEIN AND MOOSE, AND, IN ANY CASE, WHATEVER GREECE IS GIVEN (I.E. MILITARY ASSISTANCE) IS GIVEN FOR WHAT SHE OFFERS, AND NEITHER DISCUSSION NOR ADVICE IS ACCEPTED ON GREEK INTERNAL AFFAIRS. NEA POLITIA EXPRESSED REGRET OVER MCCLOSKEY STATEMENT (STATE 38036) BECAUSE OF IMPLICATION THAT GREEK INTERNAL DEVELOPMENTS CONCERN OF ANYONE EXCEPT GREECE. NEA POLITIA HOWEVER NOTED THAT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN HAD EMPHASIZED THAT MILITARY ASSISTANCE GIVEN GREECE FOR US AND NATO STRATEGIC REASONS. THEREFORE, PAPER CONCLUDED, FINDINGS OF LOWENSTEIN AND MOOSE WOULD PRODUCE NO RESULTS. ON MARCH 7, ELEFTHEROS KOSMOS, WHICH STRONG SUPPORTER OF GOVERNMENT ALSO TOOK LINE THAT GREEK INTERNAL AFFAIRS EXCLUSIVE CONCERN OF GREECE.

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YM OPPOSITION PRESS HAS REFRAINED FROM EDITORIAL COMMENT,
BUT WE HAVE HAD INQUIRY FROM VIMA ATTEMPTING TO ELICIT
COMMENT ON STATEMENTS IN PRO-GOERNMENT PRESS THAT GREECE
HAS ASSUMED NO OBLIGATIONS AS REGARDS POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS,
CONTRASTING THEM WITH GIST STATEMENT THAT USG "CONTINUING
TO URGE REGIME TO FULFILL ITS COMMITMENT TO ENACT
LIBERALIZATION MEASURES AND PREPARE FOR ELECTIONS." USIS
PRESS OFFICER REPLIED THAT WE HAD NO COMMENT BUT THAT WE
OF COURSE STAND ON DEPARTMENT'S STATEMENTS. MARCH 9
APOYEVMATINI CARRIES USIS RESPONSE IN CONJUNCTION WITH
EXCERPTS FROM MCCLOSKEY BRIEFING UNDER HEADING
"ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE EMBASSY SPEAKS OF OBLIGATIONS."

7. ELEFTHEROS KOSMOS MORNING MARCH 9 ANTICIPATED
OPPOSITION PRESS BY BEGINNING PUBLICATION OF ENTIRE TEXT OF
LOWENSTEIN-MOOSE REPORT. APOYEVMATINI AFTERNOON MARCH
9 ALSO CARRIED FIRST HALF OF REPORT. WE WILL OF COURSE
SUMMARIZE FURTHER SIGNIFICANT REACTION.
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